SUBJECT NAACP

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SECTION NUMBER 23

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

20 WEST 40TH STREET NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

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June 5, 1951

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am to be in Washington on June 19 and possibly on June 20. If it is convenient for you, I should like very much to come in and talk with you for a few minutes on several matters of mutual interest.

Will you be good enough to let me know if you will be able to see me and what hour will be convenient? I would prefer the nineteenth if that day would suit you as well as the twentieth.

Cordially,

Walter White
Walter White
Executive Secretary

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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June 8, 1951

Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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Dear Mr. White:

Your letter of June 5, 1951, has been received.

I have present commitments which will probably take me away from Washington during the period you plan to be here, but if you desire it will indeed be a pleasure to make arrangements for one of my assistants to confer with you regarding the matters you have in mind.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: On September 21, 1950, White wired the Director requesting an appointment on September 25, 1950. Here the Director noted "He will have to see someone else" and a wire was sent to White on September 22, 1950, advising that arrangements would be made for him to see an Assistant Director on the specified date if he so desired.

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Memo Mr. Tolson 6/8/51 FQ

why didn't incoming letter to this office?

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June 26, 1951

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON

With reference to the attached letter to [redacted] I suspect there is something back of this inquiry. (b)(7)(C)

I think it might be well to add another paragraph along the lines that while the Director is precluded from making any comment we felt [redacted] would be interested in knowing the Director has been well and favorably acquainted with Mr. Walter White, the Executive Director (check title) of the NAACP, and the Director has been impressed by the attacks which have been launched upon Walter White by Communist sources who to date have not been able to influence Mr. White's administration of the organization. (b)(7)(C)

L. B. Nichols

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Dear Sirs,

I have learned to my surprise that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been regarded by the F.B.I. as a Communist front

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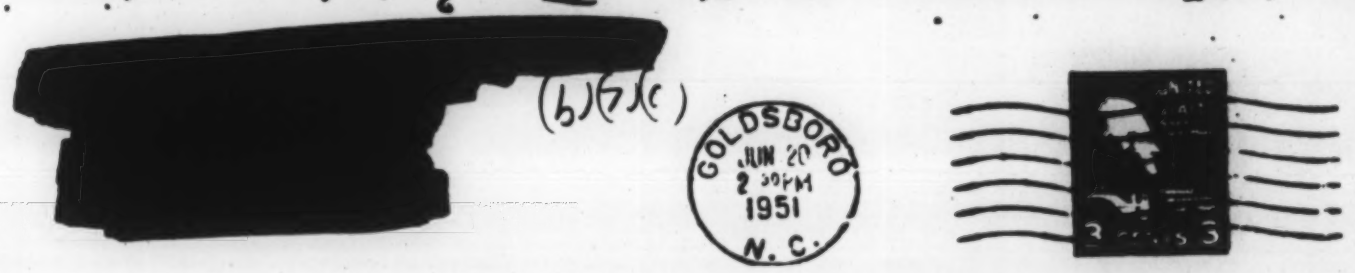

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[redacted] (b)(7)(c)

June 19, 1951

Dear Sirs,

I have learnedto my surprize that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been regarded by the F. B. I. as a Communist Front Organization. Is this true? What influence have the Communists in this organization. The accusation is brought forward that it is the Communists who are inspiring the N. A. A. C. P in their legal battles regarding the school question. Is this true.

What should be the attitude of a loyal American, towards membership & support of the N. A. A. C. P. I would appreciate information on these questions. I am

Sincerely yours

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

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Upon my return to the city, your note of June 15, 1951, was brought to my attention.

In response to your inquiry, I thought you might like to know that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the province of this Bureau to classify any individual or organization as being subversive. At no time do we draw any conclusions from the facts developed during the course of an investigation.

Although I am precluded from making any comment with regard to the specific questions you set forth, you may be interested in knowing that I have been well acquainted with Mr. Walter F. White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Over the years there have been numerous communistic attacks against Mr. White and many attempts have been made to infiltrate his organization. To date, these attacks have failed to influence Mr. White's administration of the group and there is no indication that the infiltration attempts have been successful.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Charlotte with copy of incoming letter
ATTENTION SAC: [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

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NOTE: Who's Who (1950-51) indicates that Walter F. White holds position of Secretary with the NAACP.

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UNITED S... ...RNMENT

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Alden
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Losch

TO : DIRE... , FBI PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 6-26-...

FROM : SAC, ATLA...

SUBJECT: Mr. WALTER WHITE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NAACP

43017

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR L. B. NICHOLS

At 11:10 A.M. today, Mr. WALTER WHITE accompanied by Mr. ROY WILKINS, an official of the NAACP, personally called at this office and were received by the writer and ASAC [redacted]. Mr. WHITE reiterated the information which he had furnished telephonically to Assistant Director L. B. NICHOLS, to the effect that he had heard a rumor that there might be an attempt on the part of Communists or Fellow-Travelers to infiltrate the convention presently being held in Atlanta. He also stated he had heard a rumor that certain Talmadgites might attempt to create trouble. He emphasized that neither he nor Mr. WILKINS had received any confirmation or any indication that this would occur.

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Mr. WHITE volunteered that they had made every effort to screen the delegates to the convention to insure that no Communists or Fellow-Travelers would attend. He emphasized that he would immediately report any matters that might be of interest to this office.

Mr. WHITE and Mr. WILKINS were afforded a tour of the facilities of the Atlanta Division and were extremely complimentary in their remarks concerning the Director and the Bureau.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any further information received from Mr. WHITE during the course of this convention.

or the Bureau's confidential information, Chief of Police HERBERT T. ...KINS of Atlanta, while discussing another matter, advised that he ... assigning a group of Negro Police Officers to cover the convention ...nsure against any untoward occurrence.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : [redacted] Rosen

DATE: June 25, 1951

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

The following is submitted in connection with the interview of Walter White and Clarence Mitchell of the captioned association. It is noted that Mr. Mitchell during the course of this interview mentioned to Mr. Nichols that several negro homes in Birmingham had been bombed and wondered if there was any matter in this connection which might come within our jurisdiction.

Two instances involving the bombing of negro homes in the North Smithfield division at Birmingham have been brought to our attention. On March 25, 1949, three residences occupied by negros in this section of Birmingham were dynamited. The Department advised that these dynamitings did not constitute a Federal violation. The Bureau did, at the Department's request, conduct investigation in connection with these bombings, inasmuch as an allegation had been made that five negro families living in this area had been served with formal notices that they were living in an area zoned for occupation by white persons in violation of the Birmingham city code. Investigation established that no such formal notices had been served, although four negro property owners had received written notices from the Chief Building Inspector to the effect that their occupancy of this property was in violation of the city code. No instructions were given in this connection that the owners vacate or dispose of the premises. The Criminal Division of the Department advised that no prosecutive action in this matter was contemplated.

A second bombing incident referred to the Bureau was that of the residence of [redacted] (b)(7)(C) This bombing also took place in the North Smithfield division of Birmingham, Alabama. Our investigation in this matter was conducted at the request of the Criminal Division to determine whether [redacted] had received any threats as a result of her suit in Federal Court against the city of Birmingham to restrain the city from interfering with her right to occupy a residence being constructed in the North Smithfield division. Investigation determined that [redacted] had not received any threats in this connection. The results of this investigation were referred to the Criminal Division

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cc: Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

with advice that the investigation requested had been completed and no further investigation would be conducted unless requested by the Criminal Division. No additional request for any investigation has been received.

ACTION:

This memorandum should be referred to Assistant Director Nichols for his information in connection with any subsequent interview which he may have with representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

CABLE ADDRESS: NACAPEOPLE, N. LONGACRE 5-8800

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

20 WEST 40TH STREET NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

Mr. Tolson....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin....
Mr. Nichols...
Mr. Rosen....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Harbo....
Mr. Alden.....
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Mr. Mohr....
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Miss Gandy..
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July 11, 1951

Dear Lou Nichols:

John Bills proved to be all you said he is--and more. He and Mr. Ryan were most cooperative and cordial even to the extent of offering to lend me the air conditioning equipment in his beautiful new office provided I carted it off on my back. Unhappily, it weighed too many tons for me to do so. Incidentally, he is anxious to have you and Mr. Hoover visit them in their new offices.

He had very carefully checked both the rumors and found them, happily, to be without foundation. There was only one untoward incident. One morning we found a number of small stickers scattered outside the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium which read: WHY NOT RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUALITY NOW? Within twenty-four hours the man who distributed the stickers had been arrested and warned so effectively that we had no more trouble on that score.

May I extend our thanks to the FBI for the precautions which it took. I want to add that all that you said about [redacted] proved also to be true.

(b)(7)(C)

I have asked Clarence Mitchell to come in to see you to get the material we discussed when I called to see you recently.

With cordial personal regards to you and Mr. Hoover,

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Executive Secretary

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Walter:

I have been out of the city and upon my return received your letter of July 11th. Naturally we were glad that everything went well in Atlanta. [redacted] had already told us how much he enjoyed his visit with you. (b)(7)(c)

Unfortunately I have not been able to see Clarence Mitchell because of numerous other matters, but will do so as quickly as possible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

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Director, FBI

[redacted] Minneapolis

May 26, 1951

[redacted] NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE 43015 - AIR MAIL

Attached hereto is an article that appeared in the May 25, 1951, issue of the "Minnesota Daily" under Letters to the Editor entitled, "Discrimination [redacted] the FBI." This letter was directed to the "Minnesota Daily" by [redacted], President, Campus Chapter, NAACP.

(b)(7)(C)

This is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] has been assigned for several weeks to developing the Bureau's recruiting program at the University of Minnesota. He has done an excellent job in obtaining applicants for both Special Agent and clerical positions.

(b)(7)(C)

On May 24, 1951, Special Agent [redacted] was talking to a group of individuals in the Physics Building of the University, [redacted] while distributing a number of applications he was asked the question, "What makes the work of the Bureau so interesting?" His answer to this question is set forth in the attached memorandum dated May 26, 1951 submitted by him. He has advised there was absolutely no intent to be critical of any minority group and that he was merely endeavoring to point out a variety of investigations conducted by the Bureau.

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It is also pointed out that the NAACP in this area has been overly sensitive to any remarks made concerning the Negro race, irrespective of whether any slight was intended.

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Attach.

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A [redacted] Director Re: NAACP 43016 May 26, 1971

(b)(7)(C) [redacted]

(b)(7)(C) Special Agent [redacted] regrets that this incident has occurred, and I have discussed the matter fully with him. He has been cautioned about making any remarks that could be misinterpreted as regards minority groups, and the Bureau is assured that in the future he will refrain from mentioning minority groups in any regard.

[redacted] (b)(1)

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5. The Indianapolis Office in May 1950, advised that Mrs. Naomi Gillespie was/secretary and Andrew W. Ramsey was a member of the Executive Board of the Indianapolis Chapter of the NAACP. [redacted] (b)(1)

6. Chicago Office in September 1950, reported the following Communist infiltration of the Chicago Chapter of the NAACP. [redacted] (b)(7)(D)

On May 26, 1950, the Chicago Chapter held a meeting to elect delegates to the NAACP National Convention to be held in Boston in [redacted] (b)(7)(D)

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted] Tolson

DATE: July 10, 1951

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

In my memorandum of June 21, 1951, I reported a conversation with Walter White wherein he requested certain information including Communist attempts to infiltrate the NAACP. The Director agreed.

I have checked on matters to see if there was anything. The Security Division by memorandum of July 6, 1951, pointed out that with reference to his interest showing how the Communists use funds collected, we have no information which might be furnished White; that with reference to Communist infiltration of the NAACP, it is pointed out we have no public source material which could be furnished White, and the Bureau does have information received from confidential informants. (b)(7)(C)

I do not think that public source material is criterion for furnishing White with information on Communist attempts to infiltrate the NAACP. We could furnish him general information. Even though obtained from confidential informants, we would not need to particularize so there would be no great risk of revealing the source. (b)(7)(C)

We should make a token. After all, we told White orally of certain instances where Communists attempted to infiltrate the NAACP and I think to tell him now that we have nothing would make the Bureau look rather ridiculous. It is, therefore, recommended that the Security Division prepare a summary memorandum on attempts on the part of the Communists to infiltrate the NAACP, showing the manner in which we got the information, the locale and the like, so that we can then consider furnishing information in general terms.

LBN: [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

cc - Ladd

OK.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : M[redacted] A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 16, 1951

SUBJECT: [redacted]TIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
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3/30/92

PURPOSE:

To set forth reported instances of Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Nichols, in the attached memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated July 10, 1951, recommended that the Security Division prepare a memorandum concerning attempts by the Communist Party to infiltrate the NAACP in order that consideration might be given to furnishing such information in general terms to Mr. Walter White.

DETAILS:

The following instances of Communist infiltration and attempts to infiltrate the NAACP have been received by the Bureau:

1. [redacted] (b)(1) C (61-3176-520)

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2. On October 10, 1949, approximately [redacted] individuals allegedly representing the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP conducted a picket demonstration in front of the City Hall in New York City, to protest against alleged acts of police brutality against Negroes in New York City [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

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3. The NAACP sponsored a National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization in Washington, D. C., January 15-17, 1950, to seek the inactment of Civil Rights legislation. The NAACP publically refused an offer of support of the Mobilization made by the Civil Rights Congress and explained that assistance from Communist dominated organizations and individuals with Communist sympathies was not welcomed.

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[redacted] (b)(7)(c)

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be furnished to Mr. Nichols in order that consideration might be given to furnishing the above information in general terms to Mr. Walter White.

[redacted] 87-45 advised (b)(7)(c)

CONFIDENTIAL

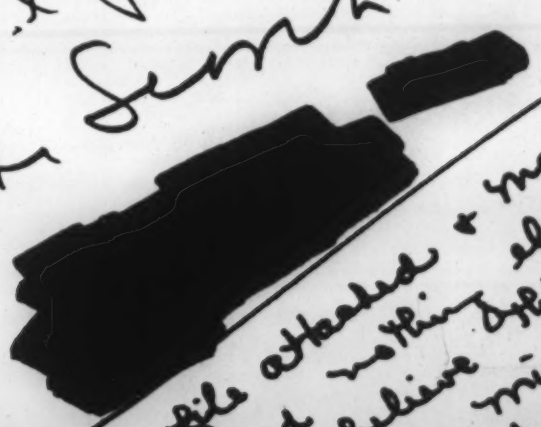
7/13
12:20 p.m.

Mr. Nichols:

Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP came in the office. Said Mr. White had written you a letter requesting information and Mr. White asked him to pick it up, did you have it? I told him you were out of town, we expected you sometime late today.

His office no. is NAtional 5794 - said he didn't work on Saturday and he would appreciate a call re on Monday.

Ex-Julius Simon (b)(7)(c)



see file attached + marked. I can find nothing else in this but believe this what you had in mind. Should I call Mitchell & get further details?

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

20 WEST 40TH STREET NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sorry I shall miss seeing you when I am in Washington next Wednesday. One of my reasons for writing was because I have not seen you since your recent illness.

However, there is one matter I want to discuss with whomever you ask to see me. It deals in part with the information Ed Scheidt passed on to me at your request a few months ago. In connection with that, I am planning an article on how communist and communist-front organizations have raised huge sums on Negro cases of which they not only have made no accounting to the public but have used these amounts almost entirely for other cases than the ones for which the money was raised.

[redacted] (b)(7)(D)

In the May 1 issue of the Reporter, Mr. Parsons was quoted as saying that the balance was used for the defense of the communist eleven here in New York.

There are other reports that have been current for many years that the Daily Worker printing presses were paid for out of the money raised for the Scottsboro case. I would very much like to have access as far as it is proper to whatever authentic and publishable facts you may have gathered.

I shall telephone your office on arrival in Washington Wednesday morning to make an appointment with whomever you wish me to talk with.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Secretary. Walter White

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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___Mr. Tolson 5744	
___Mr. Ladd 5736	___Miss Gandy 5633
___Mr. Clegg 5256	___Mr. Nease 5633
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___Mr. Laughlin 1742	Leave Clerk 2706
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___Mr. McGuire 5642	Supply Room B-118
___Mr. Holloman 5636	
	Miss Lurz
___Mr. Jones 4236	Mrs. Chisholm
___Mr. Leonard 6222 IB	Miss Brown
___Mr. McCoy 5537	Miss Corrigan
___Mr. Waikart 7204	
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Should be Referred to Security Div or Should I see him

I think Nichols should handle this Yes

L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted] Tolson

DATE: June 21, 1951

FROM : [redacted] A. H. Nichols

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

I saw Walter White of the NAACP on the afternoon of June 20th. He called at the Bureau accompanied by Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative. He pointed out at the very outset he had asked Mr. Mitchell to come in as he wanted him to meet us. He also wanted to tell Mr. Mitchell in our presence of his personal feelings toward the FBI and the Director and his personal desire that anybody associated with the NAACP should cooperate in every possible way with the FBI. White, in a rather interesting manner, outlined his association with the Bureau pointing out he first came in contact with the Director when the Director was fighting the KKK back in 1924 and 1925. White stated that he has always chuckled because the Director told him to take care of himself and not work too hard, and the Director probably works harder than any person in the country. Following are items which White wished to discuss:

1. The NAACP will hold its annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia from June 28 through July 1, 1951. White is fearful that the Communists may attempt to create disorders as they have in the past. Also, he has heard that some of the Talmadge followers in Georgia might attempt to create a "ruckus" and then try to blame it on the Communists. He wondered if we had any information of the Communists trying to move in, and whether we would tip them off if we heard of anything. I told him I felt certain the Director would want to alert our people to be on the lookout for information of this nature, and if we received anything we could then consider how a matter of this kind could best be handled, and should emergencies arise we would not hesitate to communicate with him.

He stated [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, and [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
Also, he stated that [redacted]
Atlanta, so that we will know how to reach him, and if at any time they could be of assistance to the Bureau our Agents should not hesitate to contact them.

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cc: Mr. Ladd
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Memo to M[illegible] Tolson from Mr. Nichols June 21, 1951

Re: NATI[illegible]AL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF C[illegible]ORED PEOPLE

Mr. White pointed out that he has a very high opinion of Chief of Police Jenkins of Atlanta, and Mayor Hartsfield that the State of Georgia does have a segregation statute, however, they are not going to apply it on the ground that the NAACP has rented an auditorium and anybody attending the auditorium is a guest of the NAACP.

HAVE A CALL IN for SAC B. LLS

It is suggested the SAC in Atlanta be alerted on Walter White's connection with the Bureau; that the Security Division alert the key offices wherein there has been information of infiltration into the NAACP, and that if we receive any information regarding any Communist attempts to infiltrate the NAACP at Atlanta we then consider advising Walter White.

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2. White stated that the Saturday Evening Post has asked him to do an article on moneys contributed by Americans and utilized by the Communists. He also has a column which appears in the Chicago Defender and is frequently used in the New York Herald Tribune. He stated he has ascertained in the Scottsboro Case that more than a million dollars was collected and less than $200,000 was used.

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I told him we had not concentrated on fund collections made by the Party, that our entire investigation had been directed toward the underground conspiratorial branch of the Party; that it was doubtful if we would have any information, but if we did have anything we could furnish which would be of help to him I felt certain the Director would want to do this. We, of course, have received information on large collections taken at individual meetings.

It is suggested the Security Division advise if there is any information which can be furnished to White on fund raising campaigns by the Communist Party.

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3. White stated that he has been deeply touched on a couple of occasions when SAC Scheidt, whom he referred to as a fine southern gentleman, contacted him about attempts by the Communists to infiltrate the NAACP. He was wondering if we could be on the alert on this as he feels in due time they should do educational work on Communist attempts to infiltrate NAACP; he would agree to handle any information we would furnish him along this line in such a way as to conceal the source. I told him we would see if there were any recent developments and whether there was anything we could do along these lines.

It is suggested the Security Division ascertain whether there is any information available which could be furnished White without attribution.

4. Clarence Mitchell stated that there had been some recent bombings in Birmingham and there was considerable information that the KKK had infiltrated the Police Department. As an illustration he stated there was a recent KKK parade and those marching in the parade were masked and the parade was given a police escort. Wearing masks under a new Alabama statute is prohibited. The only explanation they could give for the police giving protection was the fact that the KKK had infiltrated the police. Mitchell wondered if there were any angles connected with the recent bombing of several homes of Negroes in Birmingham which would come within our jurisdiction. I told him I was not familiar with this but would be glad to check.

I do not know whether we have made any investigation along these lines but it is suggested the Investigative Division ascertain whether there is anything within our jurisdiction growing out of these bombings.

all approved, [redacted] (6)(7)(c)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: July 6, 1951

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 61-3176

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PURPOSE:

To advise that the Bureau is in possession of no information which might be furnished to Mr. Walter White concerning (1) raising of funds by the Communist Party or its fronts for Negro cases which were used for other purposes, and (2) Communist infiltration of NAACP.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, and Mr. Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative of the organization, talked with Mr. Nichols at the Bureau on June 20, 1951. The results of this contact were set forth in a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated June 21, 1951, which is attached. Mr. Nichols recommended that the Security Division determine if the Bureau was in possession of any information which might be furnished to Mr. White concerning (1) raising of funds by the Communist Party or its fronts for Negro cases, which are used for other purposes, and (2) Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

DETAILS:

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RAISING OF FUNDS BY COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST-FRONT ORGANIZATIONS FOR NEGRO CASES WHICH ARE USED BY THE COMMUNISTS FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Bureau is in possession of no information concerning raising of funds by the Communist Party and its fronts for Negro cases which are used by the Communists for other purposes which might assist Mr. White in preparing an article on such subject.

It is known that the Communist Party and its fronts under the guise of championing the rights of Negro people frequently goes to the defense of the Negro people in violations of the law lending financial and legal assistance. When so doing, the Party and its fronts institute fund-raising campaigns and are successful in collecting substantial sums of money.

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The Party and its fronts are under no obligation to account for the funds so raised and there is no way of telling what actual disposition is made of the money.

It is generally accepted that the Party uses money collected in such manner for whatever purposes the Party might desire. National fund-raising campaigns have been carried out by the Party in connection with the "Trenton Six," "The Martinsville Seven," and "Willie McGee," and other cases involving Negroes, but the Bureau has no information which might be furnished to Mr. White as to the actual disposition made of such funds.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO NAACP

The NAACP, with a claimed membership of a quarter-million Negroes and white Americans, with chapters in 45 states, has long been the target of attempted Communist infiltration. The organization nationally has vigorously fought such infiltration, however, and with the exception of a few local chapters, the NAACP has remained free of Communist domination or control.

The organization at its 41st national convention held in Boston, June 20-25, 1950, with the support of an overwhelming vote of its delegates went on record as opposing Communism and empowered its Board of Directors to revoke the charter of any chapter found to be Communist controlled.

The Bureau is conducting no investigation of the NAACP although existing instructions require each division to report all information received of attempts by the Communists to infiltrate the group. In compliance with such instructions, the Bureau receives from various divisions information of such attempts. The information received, however, is from confidential informants and reliable sources and the Bureau has no information of a public source nature or otherwise which could be furnished to Mr. White without possibly revealing the identity of informants or confidential sources.

As in the past the Security Division will continue to consider all information received concerning attempts by the Communists to infiltrate the NAACP to determine if such might be furnished to Mr. White.

ACTION:

This memo should be forwarded to Nichols for his information.

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FILE NO. 1 — WHERE CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA — N.O. FILE NO. 100-[redacted]2

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TITLE

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The New Orleans States newspaper dated November 16, [illegible] in an article on page 36 reports the following individuals as having been elected as officers for the New Orleans National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People:

President: A. P. TUREAUD
Vice President at Large: ARTHUR MARSALIS
Vice Presidents: DR. RIVERS FREDERICK
C. C. DeCOCIE, SR.
REVEREND A. L. DAVIS
REVEREND ROBERT D. HILL
DR. FREDERICK RHODES
DR. WILLIAM R. ADAMS
Financial Secretary: C. P. THOMAS
Recording Secretary: M. J. SMITH
Treasurer: PAUL A. LANDIX
Chaplain: SAMUEL McNEAL, SR.

[redacted] (b)(2) (b)(7)(D)

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship is listed as one of the organizations declared within the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

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[redacted] International Workers Order is an organization [redacted] within the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

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II. STATEMENTS BY COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS INDICATING EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE THE NAACP

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The Civil Rights Congress is an organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[redacted] advised that REVEREND J. A. MURPHY was President of the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] case has been reopened to report information that [redacted] has been placed in the file of this case as furnished by informant. By Bureau letter dated August 29, 1949, reference was made to report of SA [redacted] dated July 30, 1949, at New Orleans, where [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] This office was instructed to place this case in a closed status and to remain alert to any efforts by the Communist element to infiltrate or influence the activities of any local chapter of the NAACP. In view of the fact that informants of this office advise that the NAACP is in no way infiltrated or controlled by the Communist Party and no progress has been made to enter the NAACP by Communist Party members, this case is being placed in a closed status.

INFORMANTS

[redacted] (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] contacted (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D) by SA [redacted] as set out in his report dated [redacted]

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], dated July 30, 1949, at (b)(7)(C) New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 9, 1951

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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SAC O'Connor, Chicago, called and advised [redacted] he had just received a letter from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago Branch, which was also signed by Paulynne McKissack, President of the American Council on Human Rights, Dennie D. Brown, Chairman, Citizens Action Committee with Nelson Willis, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, signing. Copies of this letter were sent to the press in Chicago and the letter invited SAC O'Connor to attend a meeting at the Metropolitan Community Church in Chicago on October 9, 1951, at 8:30 p.m. at which time the Cicero riot would be discussed. (It will be recalled that the Cicero riot involved the incident of racial disturbance over housing in Cicero, Illinois, and was investigated by the Bureau at the request of the Department.)

This letter further stated that apparently everything had been done by law enforcement officers regarding the matter and invited SAC O'Connor to state his position to the public in the matter and that other law enforcement officers would be invited to also state their position.

It is recommended that SAC O'Connor be advised that inasmuch as the FBI has conducted the investigation requested by the Department in regard to the Cicero incident and in view of the fact the Bureau is not a policy-making organization and does not discuss pending investigations that it would not be proper for SAC O'Connor to be present and comment on this matter since it is more properly a matter at this stage for the prosecuting officers, to wit, the United States Attorney and the Department, and that SAC O'Connor should answer the letter accordingly.

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CC - [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

CC - Mr. Rosen

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ADDENDUM: [redacted] 10/2/51 It is understood the Bureau has completed its investigation of this matter and has referred the results to the Department. The Bureau is now only following local prosecutive action in the matter.

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10/x SAC O'Connor so advised

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- Mr. Harbo
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Clyde Tolson

Director, FBI May 26, 1951

SAC, Minneapolis

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AIR MAIL

Attached hereto is an article that appeared in the [redacted] 1951, issue of the "Minnesota Daily" under Letters to the Editor entitled "Discrimination in the FBI." This letter was directed to the "Minnesota Daily" by BOB COLES, President, Campus Chapter, NAACP.

(EXCERPT *******)

On May 24, 1951, Special Agent (EXCERPT ***) was talking to a group of individuals in the Physics Building of the University, and while distributing a number of applications he was asked the question, "What makes the work of the Bureau so interesting?" His answer to this question is set forth in the attached memorandum dated May 26, 1951 submitted by him. He has advised there was absolutely no intent to be critical of any minority group and that he was merely endeavoring to point out a variety of investigations conducted by the Bureau.

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It is also pointed out that the NAACP in this area has been overly sensitive to any remarks made concerning the Negro race, irrespective of whether any slight was intended.

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Memo to the Director Re: NAACP May 26, 1951

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(EXCERPT * * * * * * *)

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: This is just what happens when we allow promiscuous speaking upon part of any & and all Agents I am becoming more & more concerned about this general practice of permitting more & more Agts. to publicly appear & act as spokesmen for FBI. Nick allows it for general speeches & Glavin for recruiting. It is going to result in some terribl embarrassment & we may be then forbidden to even allow anyone to speak, even the SACs. It is just not being properly supervised nor controlled. H."

* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Discrimination in the F.B.I.?

To the editor:

A week ago last Thursday an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation appeared on the campus to talk with students regarding job possibilities as F.B.I. agents. Several hundred attended his talks which were given several times during the afternoon in the Physics Building.

During the course of his remarks (specifically, his first lecture) he made several statements which were definately prejudicial to minority groups.

In describing the nature of his work he said, in part, "A special agent's work is always interesting. You meet all classes of people. One hour I might be talking to a Federal Judge; the next hour I'm over here talking to students at the University of Minnesota; an hour from now I might be down on Washington avenue talking to negroes--or even Mexicans. So you can see you meet all classes of people on this job." (Several members of the N.A.A.C.P. who were present agree that the above is a reasonable accurate quotation.)

Remarks like this, with such strong implications of disaragement toward minority groups, leave a bad taste in the mouth, and although the statements were undoubtedly made "in all innocence" this is a kind of innocence which we protest vigorously, especially coming from an agent of the United States government.

Bob Coles, president
Campus Chapter
N.A.A.C.P.

MINNESOTA DAILY
Friday, May 25, 1951

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AS PATRON OF STORK CLUB WE ASK IF YOU WOULD EXPRESS YOUR DISAPPROVAL AND TAKE WHATEVER OTHER ACTION IS WISE AND FEASIBLE REGARDING GRATUITOUS REFUSAL OF SERVICE TO MISS JOSEPHINE BAKER OCTOBER 16 WHEN SHE WAS GUEST THERE OF [redacted] (b)(7)(C) [redacted] AND KNOWN POLICY OF [redacted] TO BAR PATRONS BECAUSE OF RACE AND COLO. AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD OF WORLD HISTORY SUCH DISCRIMINATION IN METROPOLITAN CITY LIKE NEW YORK OR ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES PLAYS DIRECTLY INTO HANDS OF COMMUNISTS AND OTHER ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY. DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH POLICY BY THOSE WHO MAKE STORK CLUB SUCCESS IT IS. WILL DEMONSTRATE VITALITY AND INTEGRITY OF DEMOCRACY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING US COPY OF WHATEVER PROTEST YOU SEE FIT TO MAKE

WALTER WHITE EXEC SECY NATL ASSN ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE 20 W 40 NYC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 11-2-51

FROM: SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Kansas City Times, in its issue of 8-3-51, carried a news item to the effect that the Kansas City Branch of the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People had formally notified the city that they were filing a suit in the USDC at Kansas City, Missouri, to require that the Swope Park swimming pool in Kansas City, Missouri, a city operated facility, be opened to negroes. The news item further stated that the suit was a culmination of an incident which occurred on June 20, 1951, when six negroes were denied the right to purchase tickets to the pool. The notice given to the city also bore the name of THURGOOD MARSHALL, lawyer, 20 West 40th Street, New York, of the Association's National Headquarters.

The Kansas City Star, in its issue of 10-29-51, carried an article concerning a motion filed in USDC at Kansas City, Missouri, by the City Counsellor's Office seeking to deny THURGOOD MARSHALL the privilege of appearing as counsel in the case against the city. The article stated that the motion was brought on grounds that Congressional committees have reported that MARSHALL was a member of Communist Front organizations. The city's motion included the allegation that official reports of committees of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress had cited MARSHALL as being, in 1949, a member of the Executive Board of the National Lawyers Guild and several years prior thereto, a member of the International Juridical Association, both of which organizations were described by Congressional committees as Communist Front Organizations.

The city's motion set out an allegation that any person in sympathy with the un-American designs of the Communist Party cannot in good faith subscribe to an oath to defend and support the constitution of the United States, nor faithfully perform the duties as an officer in court in the capacity of counsel.

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Director, FBI 11-2-51

RE: NAACP
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The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau's files and no other action will be taken here except to follow the matter as it may appear in the press or be received from confidential sources.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11-15-51

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Remylet dated 11-2-51.

Please be advised that the Kansas City Star, in its issue of 10-31-51, carried a news item to the effect that Judge ALBERT A. RIDGE of the Western District of Missouri, on that date, had denied the City's motion to bar THURGOOD MARSHALL from acting as an attorney in the Swope Park swimming pool case. Judge RIDGE ruled that inasmuch as MARSHALL was a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court and of the Circuit Court of Appeals, he was entitled, under the local rules, to appear as a counsel in this case. Judge RIDGE set Monday, 12-17-51, as the trial date.

This news item contained the further details about the matter indicating that in this court action, three plaintiffs were seeking a declaratory judgment, an injunction and $2,500 in damages, all based on their inability to purchase tickets to Swope Park swimming pool.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office.

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Office - UNI GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau dated 11/2/51 in which a request was made that New York advise Kansas City concerning Communist Party activities or Communist Party front activities of THURGOOD MARSHALL.

Concerning THURGOOD MARSHALL, it was pointed out that the files of the New York Office contained numerous references to MARSHALL, most of them indexed with his speeches, announceme and legal suits as special counsel of the NAACP, concerning national discrimination matters.

The files of this office also indicate that MARSHALL was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union in 1940.

In a throwaway pamphlet issued by the National Federatic for Constitutional Liberties announcing a dinner at the Hotel Russell, New York City, on April 2, 1944 which was held under the auspices of that organization, THURGOOD MARSHALL was listed as a sponsor.

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The activities of the Communist Party in this matter will be followed and pertinent information reported to the Bureau in the future if received. However, in view of the inactivity of this group and the small amount of information developed, this file is being placed in a closed status.

One copy of this report is being furnished to Birmingham for information in order that that office might be aware of the extent of the Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division.

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N.A.A.C.P. LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND
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WALTER WHITE, *Executive Secretary*
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PRINCETON COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE TRENTON [redacted]
[redacted] *Chairman*
[redacted] *Secretary*

8 WEST 40TH STREET
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

CANON ROBERT D. S
Treasurer

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December 3, 1951

Dear Friend:

The enclosed advertisement from the November 28th New York Times tells of the tragedy of Ralph Cooper and Collis English, the Trenton Two. It tells also that, to poor and disadvantaged Negroes, justice costs more money than most earn in a lifetime. The costs of the two trials they have endured have already run into tens of thousands. Before appeal can be made for a new trial, $20,000 must be raised to print the full record of the case.

Every American, sensitive to the injustices suffered by those without economic power, has an interest in securing for Ralph Cooper and Collis English the ultimate redress at law. They are victims of a verdict which we believe to be against the weight of the evidence and to involve the improper admission of "confessions" as evidence.

Distinguished counsel is serving without fee. The undersigned ask you to contribute to the necessary $20,000 Fund, so that Ralph Cooper and Collis English shall not be imprisoned for the remainder of their lives for a crime of which we believe them to be innocent.

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Sincerely yours,

Patrick Murphy Malin
American Civil Liberties Union

Walter White
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Edward O. Cornell
Princeton Committee for Defense of the Trenton Six

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joint action to secure the release of Ralph Cooper and Collis English, who were sentenced to life imprisonment in the second trial for murder of th ton Six," has been undertaken by the organizations who are sponsoring the appeal from their conviction to the Supreme Court of New Jerse

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I wish to help free Ralph Cooper and Collis English and enclose my contribution of

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Please make checks payable to ROBERT D. SMITH, Treasurer

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, W

The Case of th

Two Americans face life in prison for a crime of which million throughout the world believe them innocent. They are Negr Ralph Cooper and Collis English. They have been imprisoned f They are the two remaining imprisoned members of the now w Six, the jury at a second trial having acquitted four of the orig

The purpose of this advertisement is to secure justice, thr Ralph Cooper and Collis English, whom the three undersign lieve to be innocent and the victims of a great miscarriage of j

ROUGH JUSTICE

It is argued "what matter that two young Negroes are condemned to spend the rest of their lives in prison for a crime which they did not commit? Far better to drop the case and pretend that justice has been done. Four of the original Trenton Six have been exonerated. Is not this a sort of rough justice?" This was the evident reasoning of the jury at the second trial which acquitted four men and condemned two, neither of whom had been accused of striking the murder blows.

But it matters. Believing these men to be innocent, no decent American can rest until justice is secured through the medium of a fair trial, in which a jury upon consideration of the evidence arrives at a verdict, without trading the lives of some for the liberty of others.

A GREAT AMERICAN TRADITION

There is a great American tradition that all of our citizens whether rich or poor, Negro or white, shall have equal justice under law. It is the task of each generation to preserve and pass on to posterity that tradition so long as America shall endure. That is our principal objective in this effort to secure a new trial for Ralph Cooper and Collis English, the tragic Trenton Two.

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Above all, the four year long agony of Ralph Cooper and Collis English speaks to every decent American who learns of this miscarriage of justice and invests all of us with a share of the responsibility for the life and death of these stricken men.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

The case of the Trenton Two began on the morning of January 27, 1948, when a 72-year-old junk dealer named Fred Weiner was clubbed to death in the back room of his store in Trenton, N. J. Since then, two trials have been held, in the first of which six Negroes arrested and charged with the crime were convicted and condemned to death. Following an appeal and reversal of this verdict, a second trial was held in the spring of 1951, at which four of the original "Trenton Six" were acquitted, while Ralph Cooper and *Collis English* were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

It is impossible to understand the case of the Trenton Two without taking into account the background of city politics from which it emerged. In 1948 Trenton was enduring a crime wave, Mayor Donal Connally was under indictment for bribery and his police department under attack for a long series of unsolved crimes. The press was clamoring for reform. An editorial in the Trenton TIMES headed "The Idle Electric Chair" pointed out that no man had been convicted and sentenced to death in New Jersey for a crime since December 11, 1945. The Police Department, stung into action by this record of unsolved crime, and by attacks on corruption in the city administration, began frenzied efforts to round up suspects. Within 15 first rushed to trial before a
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Joint Committee to Free the Trenton Two

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THIS IS A CALL TO EVERY AMERICAN TO JOIN IN HELPING SECURE FOR RALPH COOPER AND COLLIS ENGLISH EVERY LEGAL RIGHT WHICH IS THEIR DUE AS AMERICAN CITIZENS. Four men of the original Trenton Six, once adjudged Guilty and condemned to death, have since been exonerated by due process of American law. The three organizations which have assumed responsibility for the appeal, all of which have made intensive investigations as to the facts, believe Ralph Cooper and Collis English to be innocent. Whatever the opinion of any American as to the innocence or guilt of these men, all can join in helping to secure for them the ultimate redress at law. This is the best possible answer to the Communist outcry that American justice turns its face from the Negro.

JUSTICE CAN BE SECURED

The Communists have sought to make capital of this case by whipping up a worldwide hysteria against American treatment of Negro citizens. But the history of this case refutes the Communist thesis. It proves that justice can be secured through the normal processes of law. It also proves that sincere and informed public opinion must be aroused on occasion to secure to humble and helpless defendants their full rights under law, especially when police officers abuse their powers.

Believing in the innocence of Ralph Cooper and Collis English, we call on every American for help in making possible this appeal for a new trial through your contribution to the Joint Defense Fund.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY

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JOINT COMMITTEE TO FREE THE TRENTON TWO
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I wish to help make possible the appeal to the New Jersey Supreme Court from the conviction of Ralph Cooper and Collis English and enclose my contribution of $ .....

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This second trial occasioned the longest criminal procedure in the history of New Jersey, covering 15 weeks and 3 days. Nearly 10,000 pages of testimony were recorded. Its result was the acquittal of four of the Trenton Six who had been previously convicted, and the conviction and sentence to life imprisonment of Ralph Cooper and Collis English. It is from this verdict that the organizations interested in the present defense are appealing. This appeal holds that the verdict is against the weight of evidence, that it was entered into as a result of horse-trading on the part of the jury with the lives of two men.

Neither Ralph Cooper nor Collis English have been accused of striking the fatal blow. The man who was accused was acquitted. Both Ralph Cooper and Collis English were confronted by Miss Maguire, 10 days after the tragedy. She stated that she had never seen them before. Weeks later, at the urging of police, she changed her story and stated English and Cooper had been present, as well as two others of the four men now acquitted. This is the basis of the prosecution's case, which is founded on an actual political necessity to find victims.

THE PRESENT APPEAL

The present appeal is taken to the New Jersey Supreme Court against the conviction of Ralph Cooper and Collis English, and their sentence to life imprisonment. A distinguished array of attorneys, including Arthur Garfield Hays, General Counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union; Mercer Burrell, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Judge George Pellettieri, counsel to the Princeton Committee for Defense of the Trenton Six, will serve without fee to carry the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary.

JUSTICE COSTS MONEY

Had Cooper and English been condemned to *death* the Court would have provided for appeal expenses. But the Court cannot so provide in the case of life sentences. To print the full record of the 15-week trial, required by New Jersey law for appeal to the Supreme Court, will cost more than $20,000. It will cover 24 bound volumes of 400 pages each, each volume costing about $750. Additional expenses will be minimal. There is no money available for this purpose from any source

United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

December 26, 1951
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following communication for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with if possible.

When the matter is disposed of, will you kindly have the letter returned to my office, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Estes Kefauver

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Dec 19th 1951

Dear Senator Kefauver:

Will you please advise me whether, or not, any investigating committee, found the, National Asso. for the Advancment of Colored Peoples connected with the Communist intrest in any way.

This information is of vital intrest to a number of people in my Community, and will appreciate the answer before the 26th Inst. if at all possible.

I, am opposed to the local political machine is my reason for asking you for the information.

With Thanks and best wishes,

I am,

/S/ [redacted] (b)(7)(c)

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 19, 1951, addressed to Senator Estes Kefauver has been referred to my attention.

For your personal and confidential information, the FBI has never conducted any investigation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This association appears to be an organization which has for its sole purpose the advancement of the colored race.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Hon. Estes Kefauver

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December 29, 1951

Honorable Estes Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your note of December 26, 1951, with enclosure, has been received.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of a letter dated December 29, 1951, which I have sent to [redacted] I am also returning (b)(7)(C) his letter to you as requested.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 18th, 1951.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;-

EXPEDITE PROCESS
DEC 26 1951

If permissible, will you please advise me if the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE is listed by your Office as "subversive"?

In this section of our Nation this Association pops up in every court trial, or other functions where they can wedge in any kind of complaint or find fault with anything or everything that in any ways affects the colored people. One of my main objections is they seems to be working effectively through our Church organizations promoting racial equality.
To my way of thinking it is doing more harm than good.

For my own satisfaction I would like to know if it is "subversive" or sponsored by any foreign group.

Thanking you for this onformation, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 18, 1951, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I am unable to comply with your request since information contained in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have data on the organization in which you expressed interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 4, 1952

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

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[redacted] called. The Attorney General at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, is seeing a delegation at the request of Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and wanted the Director to know this with the thought the Director might want someone from the Bureau to sit in on the meeting. I told her I would pass the word on but that it would be my inclination that the Director defer to the Attorney General although I felt it would be better for the Bureau not to be there since we are making the investigation, and I would let her know if the Director thought otherwise.

There will be approximately 20 in the group including

Judge Steinbrink
Judge Goldstein of Baltimore
Phil Murray
Jacob Blaustein of the Amoco Company
Congressman Dawson of Illinois
Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of New York
Patrick Malin of the Civil Liberties Union
Father McGowan

She stated these were the only names which meant anything to her.

She specifically stated that the Attorney General merely wanted the Director to know about this and would leave it up to the Director if he wanted someone to attend the meeting.

I doubt that any good purpose would be served by having a representative there.

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CC - Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen

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cc - Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
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Honorary Chairman
BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG
Jacksonville, Florida

Chairman
JAMES JACKSON
Tampa, Florida

Direct replies to:
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

November 30, 1951

43011

Dear Friend:

I know you have read of the killing of a Negro handcuffed prisoner and the serious wounding of another by the Sheriff of Lake County, Florida, on November 6. The two men, Samuel Shepherd (who was killed) and Walter Lee Irvin, were being brought by automobile from the state prison at Raiford to Tavares, Fla., for a new trial which had been ordered by the United States Supreme Court. Each was shot three times.

They were convicted and sentenced to death in 1949 on a charge of raping a white woman. The Supreme Court said of that first trial: "These convictions do not meet any civilized conception of due process of law."

Many persons here in Florida and elsewhere are sick at heart over this killing by an officer. They are sick, also, at the action of a coroner's jury which promptly absolved Sheriff Willis McCall, holding that the killing was justified.

Many Americans who love justice want to do something about this case. They are by no means sure that the killing was justified. They want more investigation. They feel that persons other than the close associates of Sheriff McCall should do the investigating and evaluate the information disclosed. They are disturbed by the testimony of the surviving prisoner that the two were shot deliberately, which casts doubt on the sheriff's assertion that he shot in self-defense.

The thousands who want to help cannot do much as individuals, but they can aid by contributing to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which defended these two men in the first trial and was ready to defend in the second, had it been held. It must eventually defend Walter Irvin, the survivor.

Funds are needed for legal defense and for all other items in a case of this kind. Funds are needed to maintain an organization like the NAACP in a state of readiness for just such tragic emergencies as the killing of Samuel Shepherd.

The Florida Committee for the Groveland Defense, which was set up in February by the NAACP, hopes you will respond to this appeal as generously as you can. The killing of a prisoner by an officer is bad enough in itself, but the blow that has been struck against the American Constitution, the United States Supreme Court, and the American ideal of equal justice under law for all citizens, is a challenge that no loyal American can ignore.

Please make checks payable to ALLAN ~~KNIGHT CHALMERS~~, TREASURER.

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Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Gregg

John A. Gregg
Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church
Vice President, NAACP and Honorary Chairman

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: January 18, 1952

Thurgood Marshall, General Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called. He stated they are holding two memorial meetings in Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's meeting will be at the colored YWCA, 1213 Lee Street. The Sunday meeting will be at the Bethel Baptist Church, Hogan and Caroline Streets, Jacksonville. He stated some of their people down there are getting rather jittery about the meetings; that they had two calls today from down there indicating that people were picking up rumors that something might happen. He stated he had sent a telegram to the Governor of Florida, pointing out that he was certain the State of Florida would not permit anything to happen; that he thought we would want the information in order to alert our people. (b)(7)(C)

I told Marshall that, of course, we would be glad to pass this word on and we would be on the alert. It is suggested the attached teletype go to the Miami Office.

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New York, N. Y.
January 25, 1952

Mr. Hoover:

When recently being interviewed by this office in connection with an extortion letter received by him, Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, was very complimentary to the Bureau and told the following story:

He said that he had recently received a telephone call from an executive of Hadassah, a Jewish women's organization in Philadelphia, who stated that they understood that Walter White had issued a statement critical of the FBI's activities in connection with the Negro bombings in Florida and that White had stated that the FBI was not diligent and not doing a conscientious job in the Florida bombings.

White said he told this Hadassah executive he had not made any such statement and that as a matter of fact, the FBI was doing an outstanding job in Florida. He further told this executive he had been down in Florida and had observed the FBI's efforts and that they had been working night and day in a most conscientious manner.

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New York, N. Y.
January 25, 1952

Mr. Hoover:

While being interviewed the other day in connection with an extortion letter received by him, Walter White, Executive Secretary, NAACP, volunteered the following information regarding the Josephine Baker incident at the Stork Club:

White said that [redacted] is apparently (b)(7)(c) worried over this incident. According to White, [redacted] Billingsley's attorney, got in touch with White and told him that Billingsley would like to shake hands and forget the incident and also wanted to have Walter White and Josephine Baker as his guests for the evening at the Stork Club. White stated he refused the offer of Morris Ernst as long as there was no guarantee that no discrimination would be practiced in the future at the Stork Club.

White also said he had received a telephone call from Walter Winchell concerning the Josephine Baker incident and that Winchell talked to him over the telephone two hours and five minutes in a marathon tirade. According to White, Winchell stated that for twenty-five years he had been a close friend of his and of the NAACP and a vigorous supporter of their policies but that now because of his support of the Stork Club's action in the Josephine Baker incident that he was being crucified by the NAACP and by newspapers like the New York Post. Winchell said that as a consequence if he (Winchell) were to go into Harlem now his blood would flow in the streets.

White stated that he told Winchell that it was Winchell's privilege to admit that he had made a mistake in the Stork Club incident. White stated that at the end of conversing, Winchell said "You probably have recorded this conversation and will crucify me further." White replied that there were no recording devices in the NAACP headquarters and that he had never recorded any telephone conversation, but he said to Winchell, "I don't doubt though that you are recording the conversation for your own benefit." Winchell hesitated for a moment but did not deny White's statement.

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L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: JANUARY 18, 1952 43010 URGENT

SAC, MIAMI

THURGOOD MARSHALL, GENERAL COUNSEL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, ADVISES MEMORIAL MEETINGS BEING HELD SATURDAY AT YWCA, 1213 LEE STREET, AND SUNDAY AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, HOGAN AND CAROLINE STREETS, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA; THAT HE HAS HAD TWO CALLS FROM PEOPLE IN FLORIDA INDICATING CIRCULATION OF RUMORS TO EFFECT SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN; THAT HE HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO GOVERNOR WARREN STATING HE WAS CERTAIN STATE OF FLORIDA WOULD PROTECT MEETINGS AND ASKED THAT OUR AGENTS BE ALERTED. WHILE NO INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED AT THIS MOMENT MIGHT CHECK WITH JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED ANY RUMORS AND ARE ALERT TO FACT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AND BE ALERT TO ANY INFORMATION INDICATING POSSIBLE VIOLENCE.

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January 18, 1952

Dear Lou:

Unhappily, the doctors have ordered me to stay flat on my back for a couple of weeks because of a slight heart disturbance. I won't, therefore, be able to be at the meeting we have called in Jacksonville on January 19-20. But I wanted you to see the enclosed copy of my remarks which will be read at the Sunday meeting.

We have had a South-wide and enthusiastic response to our call of the meeting. I do hope some real good is going to come out of it.

Cordially,

Walter

Executive Secretary

Mr. Louis Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosure

P. S. Enclosed also is an exchange of correspondence between myself and James C. Evans, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of Defense, regarding assignment of [redacted]

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20 WEST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

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Roy Wilkins *Administrator*

[redacted]

430:2

January 15, 1952

Dear Jim:

I am deeply grateful to you for the fine cooperation of the Department with respect to assignment of [redacted] as to make him available to federal and state authorities in connection with the recent bombings. The extension of leave has helped greatly. The Department of Justice informed me that they had refrained from making a request for assignment of Set. Stems to a post in or near Florida because they were reluctant to interfere with the internal operations of another government agency.

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However, I am sharing your letter with Mr. Louis Nichols of the FBI so that he will know where [redacted] can be reached.

Cordially,

Executive Secretary

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Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Walter White, Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Walter:

Orders are being issued assigning [redacted] to the 3444th ASU at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Instructions included in this order indicate that [redacted] will be made available to state and federal authorities in connection with the recent bombings., After civil authorities have concluded, report is to be made through channels to the Department of the Army indicating the assignment desired.

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I understand that the Department of Justice is cognizant of this action. This office is not informing any of the other interested officials directly, but rather sending the information on to you for any appropriate use.

Let me assure you again of the interest being taken by the military in the unfortunate situation confronting [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

/s/ JCE

/t/ James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant

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Message to the Emergency [illegible] Walter White
Jacksonville, Florida Executive Secretary
Sunday, January 21, 195[illegible] NAACP

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It is a source of great annoyance to me that I cannot be with you today. I am delighted and comforted by the fact that Mr. [illegible] and Mrs. Hurley from the National Office are there to join in making whatever plans and taking whatever steps are necessary to meet the challenge of the new wave of violence by bombers which is sweeping through the South.

The bomb has replaced the lynchers' rope. Public condemnation has made the lynching bee unfashionable. Where hundreds, sometimes thousands, used to assemble to burn alive or otherwise torture to death a hapless victim, today's bomb throwers are much more dangerous, cowardly and destructive of faith in the democratic process. Only sheer accident prevented the 71-year-old mother of Harry Moore and the daughter of the Moores from also being killed on Christmas night at Mims. It was the obvious intention of the assassins to wipe out the entire family. This new form of violence thus imperils the target of the bomber's prejudice and any and all innocent persons in the immediate vicinity.

Where Negroes were formerly the chief targets of lynching, today Jews, Catholics, trade unionists, anti-vice crusaders, Baptists, women and any other person or persons who incur the disapproval of bigots are menaced. Neither color nor creed nor economic position afford protection from the bomber. A tourist in Florida for rest and recreation is as likely to be killed as a resident.

The responsibility for this new era of hate and violence must be borne in part by politicians who for selfish political and sectional reasons deliberately stir up hatred. Men like Talmadge, Byrnes, Rankin and Eastland are supplying in part the motivation for violence

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through their threats of violence should the Supreme Court outlaw segregation. The constant outpouring of statements filled with hate and prejudice by such men inflames the prejudices and fears of less publicized men and encourages them to resort to violence. [redacted]

In this connection it is ironic that the European and Asian press is playing up Governor Fuller Warren's cordial reception in the State Capitol at Tallahassee on January 9 of a delegation of alleged Communists. This is giving the impression that only pro-Communists in the United States are effective opponents of violence. Some of the NAACP know better. But it is fortunate for Governor Warren that Senator McCarthy's "guilt by association" doctrine probably won't function in his case.

This emergency conference is called together to consider practical steps within the framework of the democratic process to end this present conflagration of mobbism before it is too late. These seem to me to be some of the immediate and important steps to take:

1. Catch and punish to the fullest extent under federal and state laws the bomb murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore and bombers elsewhere in Miami, Alabama, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and other states.

2. Amend without delay the rules of the United States Senate to stop filibusters and to strengthen the present inadequate civil rights statutes. No southern senator or congressman can any longer with honor oppose such amendment of the rules and enactment of civil rights legislation on the fallacious grounds that "the South can do the job" by itself.

3. Strengthen federal and state laws against the purchase, sale, transportation and handling of explosives.

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4. Double at least the Negro vote, particularly in the South, by next November's presidential election. The NAACP has been fortunate enough to raise a modest sum to increase the Negro vote by means of literature, meetings, instruction classes and for legal action when local authorities attempt to prevent qualified citizens from registering and voting.

I urge every NAACP branch to enlist the cooperation of churches, civic organizations, social clubs, business groups, trade unions and others in the stepping up of registration. We shall and must continue our strict nonpartisan policy. We shall continue to stress that we do not say to Negroes or any other voters for what political party or candidate they should vote. Our job is to urge registration and voting as a duty to preserve the democratic process and to elect the best qualified and most honest candidate irrespective of party.

5. The annual meeting of the NAACP in New York on January 7 approved unanimously the calling of a work stoppage if state and federal authorities fail or neglect to watch and punish the bombers of the Harry T. Moores. We profoundly trust that action by peace officers will make such a step unnecessary. But it has been exhilarating to receive from all segments of the population in all sections of the country enthusiastic approval of such a national demonstration against such violence. It is obvious that many thousands of Americans welcome an opportunity to participate personally in a movement to prove to ourselves and to the rest of the world that there are decent Americans as well as violators of the law.

6. It is most unfortunate that this new crisis comes at a time when the membership and financial resources of the NAACP are not as large as the demands upon us require. May I plead with you to return

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to your homes and work indefatigably to strengthen swiftly and largely the size and effectiveness of your local branch.

7. Wherever possible gather and check carefully evidence of law violation by bombers and their allies and turn it over to law enforcement authorities--where they can be trusted. It is most unfortunate that disfranchisement has resulted in the election to public office of a great many officials in the South who are either negligent or active participants in anti-Negro and other violence. One of the most important services to democracy which enlightened Negro and white voters can render is the replacement of such persons. But until they are replaced, the evidence should be turned over to the F. B. I. whenever they are ordered to act. Photostatic or other copies of all such evidence should be supplied to the National Office of the NAACP.

In this connection, it is significant that of the very few bombers who have been nabbed, two were captured by Negroes in Rome, Ga. on New Year's Eve night when a Negro restaurant was bombed and an attempt was made to blow up a Diesel engine.

8. NAACP branches should enlist wherever possible more active cooperation of the press, radio and organizations of diverse racial and religious groups. Many of these are theoretically devoted to observance of the law. But many of them are uninformed on the dangers to themselves as well as to minorities. It may sound cynical to say that recent bombings of white, Protestant, gentile southerners are beginning to awaken the South to the seriousness of the danger which is the same reason it caused the menace of the Ku Klux Klan to be recognized and ended in the Twenties.

All of these and doubtless other steps will occur to you. United we will again defeat the enemy of terrorism. One most gratifying

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condition I have noted in nine trips during the past twelve months to various parts of the South is the total absence of fear among Negroes which bombing is designed to create. On the contrary, both Negroes and decent white southerners, the number of which is steadily growing, are being shaken out of their complacency and lethargy. They now are beginning to realize that the great progress which has been made during recent years can be diminished or lost unless all decent Americans are constantly on the alert.

The recent wave of violence also must be recognized for what it is--the determination of the racist bigot who, defeated in the courts of law and public opinion, are resorting, as do all immature persons fearful of their own frustrations and failures, to group force to maintain a spurious "superiority."

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NAACP. INTERNAL SECURITY. ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, LOS ANGELES NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL, IS-C. BAYLET. REMYTEL FEB. FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING LA NLC PICKET LINE AT FEDERAL BUILDING. HOLLYWOOD CITIZENS NEWS ON FEB. SIXTEEN LAST CONTAINS STATEMENT ISSUED BY NAACP AND LOCAL LEADERS DENOUNCING THIS DEMONSTRATION AND STATING THAT HANDBILLS DISTRIBUTED AT THE PICKET LINE ANNOUNCING NAACP RALLY TO BE HELD AT SHRINE AUDITORIUM THURSDAY NEXT WERE DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT AUTHORITY. THE STATEMENT CONTINUES QUOTE HERE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A DISCREDITED ORGANIZATION AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LONG ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE CP PROGRAM TRYING TO USE A LEGITIMATE ISSUE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MOSCOW PROPAGANDA MILL. THE RALLY, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY NON-COMMUNIST LABOR OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, DO NOT NEED OR WANT THE SUPPORT OF THOSE GROUPS WHO PRETEND TO BE INTERESTED IN CIVIL RIGHTS BUT WHOSE REAL AIM IS TO WEAKEN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE BENEFIT OF RUSSIA UNQUOTE. THE NAACP RALLY WILL FEATURE WALTER WHITE AND IS BEING HELD TO PROTEST THE BOMBING OF HARRY T. MOORE IN FLORIDA.

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Terror Spreads

Walter White Tells Oakland Group Racial Bigotry a Growing Menace

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, warned a memorial meeting in Oakland yesterday that the "terrorism" behind the bomb-assassination of Harry T. Moore in Florida Christmas night is spreading across the Nation.

An audience of 3000 listened to White in Oakland Auditorium. They paid little attention to a group of petition-circulators and pamphleteers clustered outside the doors with what the Association denounced as "Communist literature."

White told his audience:

"The blood of the martyred Harry Moore is and should be the seed of a better-planned and better-financed NAACP program dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal."

The Moore bombing came at the end of the Association's three-year legal fight to save the two Negroes condemned to death in the Groveland rape case.

"That was the high spot in a year-long reign of terror which began in Florida and is now spreading to other States," said White.

White cited subsequent bombings of Jewish synagogues in Miami and Philadelphia and the Cicero race riots as violent examples. Acts of discrimination have come to light even in California, he said. "Take the case of Sing Sheng, whose prospective neighbors in South San Francisco voted their disapproval of his buying a house there last week!

"The attitude of these Americans — God save them all — contains more real danger to our way of life than all the subversive influences in this country," said White.

White charged that racial bigotry is being sponsored in "high places." For instance, he said, "a filibuster is now going on in Congress to prevent statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. The bigots don't want four new non-white Senators who would vote on the liberal side instead of with the Dixiecrats."

"Your two Senators from California are among those who evade standing up and being counted on this subject as well as on civil rights legislation," said White.

Also present on the speaker's stand were White's wife, Poppy Cannon, food editor of Mademoiselle magazine, and Franklin H. Williams, Negro attorney who represented the defendants in the Groveland case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 20, 1952

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-5569)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORED PEOPLE
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Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] attended a meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, held on February 21, 1952, at the Shrine Auditorium, 655 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. This meeting was held as a protest to the bombing and killing of HARRY T. MOORE, and his wife, HARRIET MOORE, in Mims, Florida.

On the stage of the auditorium were approximately 25 people representing various social, economic, religious, civic and charitable groups. The theme of all the people who spoke was the expression of sorrow and indignation at the killing of HARRY T. MOORE and his wife in Mims, Florida.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was WALTER [redacted], the radio, screen and television personality.

The main speaker of the evening was WALTER WHITE, the national executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

The central theme from WHITE's address was the present day increase of acts of violence throughout the United States against the Negro people, and the violation of their constitutional rights as American citizens. Mr. WHITE stated that in the efforts of the Negro people to realize their rights under the constitution, they will often face the reality of local law being allied on the side of prejudice, rather than on the side of justice. Mr. WHITE cited the instance of the arrest of several members of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People in the Mid-West for their seeking of an abolition to segregation in the public schools, which segregation was illegal under the laws of the state. He spoke of the unjust trial and the acts of violence against four Negroes accused of rape in the state of Florida. WHITE discussed the violations of civil rights in Cicero, Illinois, where a Negro veteran's moving into a white neighborhood was the cause of a race riot. He stated that the aforementioned acts of violence and violation of civil rights,

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together with many other incidents, unreported in the local press, were culminated in the bomb murder of HARRY T. MOORE and his wife, HARRIET MOORE, in Mims, Florida. WHITE stated that HARRY T. MOORE and his wife were working for a realization of the rights of the Negro people under the system of American Democracy, in which they wholeheartedly believed. Mr. WHITE stated that it was a tribute to the Negro and the other colored peoples of America that they rejected the blandishments of Communism and other totalitarian ideologies, and continued to work for the realization of their civil rights under the Democratic process. Mr. WHITE stated that economically and politically, segregation and the violation of civil rights were harmful to America, both at home and throughout the world. He stated the colored peoples of the world would hesitate to follow America and Democracy rather than Russia and Communism, unless we treated the American Negro and other racial minorities as equal citizens before the law.

Mr. WHITE stated that the acts of violence were a last resort and would not prevail against the forces of law and decency. He cited the arrest by the FBI of members of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina. He stated that the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People has, on many occasions, cooperated with the FBI by submitting evidence to them on civil rights violations.

Mr. WHITE stated that the Negro constitutes a present and ever growing force in the political life of America, and that this influence should be used to elect confident and honorable representatives of civil rights.

A collection was taken up along with the soliciting of the signing of a petition asking the President of the United States for a Grand Jury investigation into the recent terrorist activities against Negroes, Jews and Catholics in the state of Florida.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: February 29, 1952

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR [redacted] OF COLORED PEOPLE

During the week end of February 17, there was a civil rights meeting in Washington. [redacted] of the Statler, called me at home on the 17th and was upset [illegible] to be tied. He stated about two months previously a [redacted] called at the Statler and arranged for a dinner for from [illegible] to 500 people on Sunday evening, February 17, and who were listed as Associates of the Jewish Welfare Board. She also booked several meeting places in the hotel that day for the Jewish Welfare Board.

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[redacted] stated it now turned out the NAACP was sponsoring the dinner, where Senator Lehman would be a speaker, and that he had about come to the conclusion they would have to discontinue admitting anyone for Sunday functions that they did not know personally.

cc: Mr. Ladd

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Albuquerque, New Mexico
March 1, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

A few days ago an ordinance was passed here by the City Commission which if it becomes law will do more harm than it ever can do good, even to those who want it -- to say nothing of the un-American way it came into being -- without the people's voice.

This ordinance, by boldly declaring all private businesses to be "places of public accommodation", proceeds to direct that such businesses no longer shall have the right to choose their clientele. This is a socialistic idea and is part of the creeping paralysis which is slowly but surely covering this Land of Freedom!

We believe that there is a very definite Communist sympathy towards the aims and purposes of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which had a very prominent hand in getting this ordinance enacted.

We do not intend to try to prove the N.A.A.C.P. is Communistic itself, but we feel that if you could help us to show the citizens the remarkable affinity between the two it would greatly help us in our effort of discrediting those who have caused this ordinance to be forced on us.

We ask that you give us whatever materials you may be able to gather which would be suitable for presentation on the air. We can scarcely hope that you would find it feasible to come to our city and give a personal presentation of your material, but you can be assured that whatever information you can give us will be used to excellent advantage by citizens who are interested in preserving our American freedoms.

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Thanking you sincerely for any aid you may be able to give us in this fight to keep Americans free,

We are,

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AN ORDINANCE NO. 788
PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, RESORT AND AMUSEMENT BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES WHEREAS, Discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort or amusement due to race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin has created and tends to create breaches of the peace within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has been and will continue to be detrimental to the health, welfare and safety of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico and its inhabitants; THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known as "The Albuquerque, New Mexico Civil Rights Ordinance."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico in the exercise of its power for the protection of the public welfare, to prohibit discrimination in places of accommodation, resort or amusement due to race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Civil Right

All persons shall have the right to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons. This right is recognized and declared to be a civil right.

SECTION 4. Equal Right in Places of Public Accommodation, Resort or Amusement

No person being the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico shall directly or indirectly refuse, withhold from or deny to any person any of the accommodations, advantages,s facilities or privilege thereof, and no person shall directly or indirectly publish, circulate, issue, display, post or mail or cause to be published, circulated, issued, displayed, posted or mailed within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico written, painted or printed communication, notice or advertisement to the effect that any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement shall be refused, withheld from or denied to any person on account of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or that the patronage or custom thereat of any person belonging to or purporting to be of any particular race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin is unwelcome, objectionable or not acceptable, desired or solicited. The production of any such written, painted or printed communication, notice or advertisement, purporting to relate to any such place and to be made by any person being the owner, lessee, proprietor, superintendent, manager, agent or employee thereof, shall be presumptive evidence in any proceedings that the same was authorized and published by such person.

SECTION 5. Exclusion, Segregation and Discrimination Prohibited in Places of Accommodation, Resort or Amusement

Any exclusion or segregation of or discrimination against any person on account of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin in places of public accomodation, resort or amusement within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico shall be unlawful.

SECTION 6. Places of Public Accommodation, Resort or Amusement Defined

A place of public accommodation, resort or amusement within the meaning of this ordinance shall be deemed to include inns, taverns, roadhouses, hotels, motels and tourist courts, whether conducted for the entertainment of transient guests or for the accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or rest, restaurants, eating houses and any place where food is sold for consumption on the premises, buffets, saloons, barrooms and any store, park or enclosure where spirituous or malt liquors are sold; ice cream parlors, confectioneries, soda fountains, and all stores where ice, ice cream, ice and fruit preparations or their derivatives, or where beverages of any kind are retailed for consumption on the premises; dispensaries, clinics, hospitals, bathhouses, theatres, motion picture houses, music halls, concert halls, circuses, race courses, skating rinks, amusement and recreation parks, fairs, bowling alleys, golf courses, gymnasiums, shooting galleries, billiard and pool parlors, swimming pools, public libraries, garages, all public conveyances operated on land, water or in the air as well as the stations and terminals thereof; public halls and public elevators of buildings and structures occupied by two or more tenants, or by the owner and one or more tenants. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to include any institution, club or place of accommodation which is in its nature distinctly private, or to conflict with existing federal statutes relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians.

SECTION 7. Extent of Personal Responsibility

The provisions and requirements of this ordinance shall bind and obligate every owner, lessee, operator, proprietor, manager, agent and employee, whether natural person, corporation or unincorporated association, engaged in or exercising control over the operation of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement: provided, that whenever any agent or employee shall so exercise any function or employ any power with which he is charged or entrusted as to violate any provisions of this ordinance, both he and his principal or employer shall be held equally responsible.

SECTION 8. Penalty for Violation

Any persons who or any agency, bureau, corporation or association which shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of Section 4 or 5 or who or which shall aid or cause the violation of any of said provisions shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or shall be imprisioned not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days.

SECTION 9. Revocation of License

Whenever it shall have been judicially determined that a licensee or a person operating or doing business under a license granted by the City Commission or by another duly authorized city authority has violated this ordinance in the course of such operation or business two times or more within any twelve-month period, the City Commission or such other city authority shall revoke such license. No similar license shall be issued to the offending person or for the use of the place where said violations shall have occurred for a period of sixty days following such revocation.

SECTION 10. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstance such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the ordinance or their application to other persons and circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein and if the person or circumstances to which the ordinance or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

SECTION 11. Time of Taking Effect

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 12th day of February, 1962.

(Seal)

C. TINGLEY
CHAIRMAN, CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST: IDA V. MALONE
City Clerk

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 1, 1952, also signed by [redacted] and [redacted] has been received.

I am unable to comply with your request since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or to make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policies in this regard, and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Albuquerque, with copy of incoming

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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DATE: March 15, 1952

Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Walter White called on me on March 14.

Walter wondered if there was anything they could do to help out in the Florida situation. I told him we were still working day and night trying to penetrate the iron curtain that is always let down in cases of this type and if anything occurred we certainly would not hesitate to let him know.

He then wondered what the situation was in Cairo, Illinois. I told him we were still keeping in very close touch. (b)(7)(C)

I then told him we had recently received information from a very liberal-minded Congressman that there was considerable concern in East St. Louis; (b)(6)(C)

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You will recall Congressman Mel Price recently manifested considerable concern over this.

He also asked if we had seen any further evidence of Communist infiltration into the NAACP. I told him I was not familiar with anything that might have developed which would be of too great a significance; that I frankly have not kept up with everything and really did not know.

I did tell him I recently heard that the Socialist Workers' Party were circularizing a mimeographed pamphlet announcing a speech by an Ernest Drake of the NAACP in Detroit, which would be held in Chicago on March 14, 1952, at 734 South Wabash. He was very appreciative for this information which he agreed to treat as strictly confidential, and stated he would have somebody check on this in Chicago as he did not recall anybody by that name being connected with the NAACP. We recently came in possession of a 4-page mimeographed pamphlet distributed by the Socialist Workers Party announcing a speech by Ernest Drake.

He asked that his very best wishes be extended to the Director.

CC-Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen

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I expressed the Director's regrets at not being her[illegible]

White stated if at any time, day or night, he could[illegible] of any service, to let him know.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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Thurgood Marshall Special Counsel
Henry Lee Moon Director, [illegible]
Gloster B. Current [illegible]
Clarence Mitchell Director, [illegible]

March 25, 1952

Dear Louis:

The enclosed self-explanatory copy of a letter which Franklin H. Williams, our West Coast Regional Director, has written to John Flowers of the Negro Labor Council in San Francisco is typical of the increasing difficulties we are experiencing in keeping left-wing groups from capitalizing on the Harry T. Moore bombing at Mims, Florida on Christmas night 1951.

Thus far we have been successful in assuring non-Communists that the federal government is doing its utmost to apprehend and bring to justice the culprits. But even some thoroughly loyal Americans are becoming impatient.

I hope, therefore, that whatever can be done to break this case and to make public the fact that affirmative action is being taken, for a variety of reasons, will be done soon by the Department.

Cordially,

Walter

Executive Secretary

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Mr. Louis Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosure

NAACP REGIONAL OFFICE
SUITE 607 101 Post St.
San Francisco 8, Calif.

March 19, 1952

Mr. John Flowers, Executive Secretary
Negro Labor Council
1433 Divisadero
San Francisco, California

42997

Dear Mr. Flowers:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 11th concerning a proposed "car caravan demonstration to further arouse the conscience of the citizens of San Francisco with respect to the crime against the Negro people and other minority citizens."

According to your communication such a demonstration is required because the individuals responsible for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore have not as yet been prosecuted.

I am sure that you are aware that Harry T. Moore was the Executive Secretary of the State of Florida of our organization. We have from the day of his death taken every action we considered necessary to obtain direct and vigorous investigation from our federal authorities. We have received the fullest cooperation to date in this case from the Department of Justice.

We are convinced that the death of Harry T. Moore resulted primarily from his activity in connection with the Groveland, Fla. case, which has been handled exclusively from its inception by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. In view of this we feel that any responsible organization that desires to take public action in connection with this matter should first clear with the NAACP as to such action in order to ascertain whether in our opinion it would contribute to or detract from our efforts to have the perpetrators of these crimes apprehended and prosecuted. It would be most unfortunate if irresponsible groups were to do things which might damage these efforts.

Until the receipt of your mimeographed communication which apparently has been sent to many groups and organizations we had no knowledge of your proposed car caravan.

Please be advised that in the opinion of this office, and in the opinion of the leadership of the San Francisco Branch of the NAACP, such a car caravan would not contribute to the successful conclusion of the present efforts being made by law enforcement authorities to apprehend the criminals in this case.

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Further be advised that, as the organization with the exclusive responsibility for the handling of this matter, we request that no such public demonstration be held. We realize, of course, your group is free to do whatever they see fit in this regard but we feel it necessary to advise you concerning our opinion in the matter.

Very sincerely yours, 42998

Franklin H. Williams
Regional Director

FHW:N

cc: Department of Justice
S. F. Police Department
Office of the Mayor
Attorney General's Office
S. F. Branch, NAACP

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

20 WEST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

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Gloster B. Current — *Director of Branches*
Clarence Mitchell — *Director, Washington Bureau*

March 24, 1952

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MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WHICH CONFERRED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL J. HOWARD MC GRATH ON JANUARY 8, 1952:

I wish to report to you such progress as has been made, to our knowledge, in the investigation of the bomb slaying of Harry T. Moore since the conference we held on January 8 with Attorney General J. Howard McGrath in Washington.

I have talked with Mr. McGrath twice over the telephone to inquire on what the Department has been able to do. On Friday, March 14, Clarence Mitchell and I talked at length with Mr. Louis Nichols of the F. B. I.

Both Mr. McGrath and Mr. Nichols told us that every possible clue is being investigated and that some of them have proven fruitful. However, a curtain of reticence has fallen over the community as a result of the world-wide publicity. As a result, the case is proving very difficult to crack. Some additional information was given to us in confidence which appears to indicate first that the Department is doing everything within its power to crack the case and second that there is modest hope of eventual success.

We shall continue to keep you informed because we know how deeply you share the hope that definitive action can be taken by the federal authorities as soon as possible.

Cordially,

Walter White
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Walter White
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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Dear Mr. White:

Your letter of March 25, 1952, addressed to Mr. Nichols, together with the enclosures, has been brought to my attention.

I feel Mr. Williams did an excellent job of presenting this matter in the proper light, and I am always appreciative of your organization's efforts in this regard. I know you appreciate the investigative problems with which we have been faced and are aware that no effort is being spared and that there has been no slackening in pace. We are all hoping for success in the not too distant future. I appreciate, also, the opportunity of reviewing your memorandum concerning your talks with the Honorable J. Howard McGrath and Mr. Nichols.

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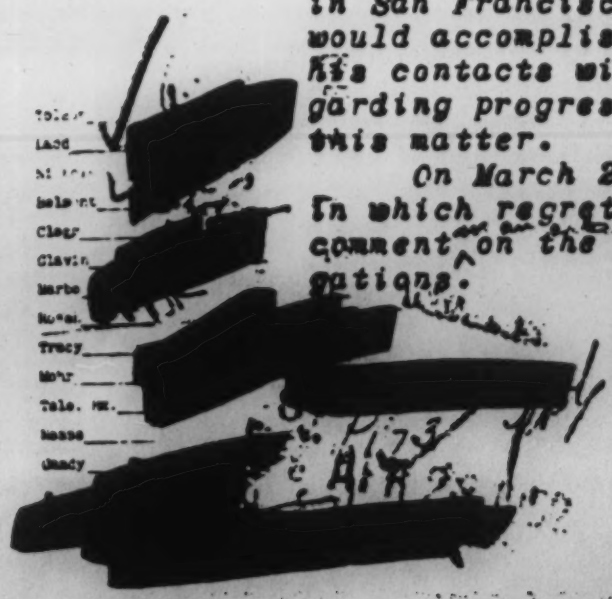
Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: In William's letter to Flowers, which White enclosed it was pointed out that a proposed "Car Caravan" demonstration in San Francisco to protest the Mims, Florida, bombing would accomplish nothing. White enclosed a memo regarding his contacts with the Attorney General and Mr. Nichols regarding progress to date on the Bureau's investigation in this matter.

On March 28, 1952, White was written by Mr. Nichols in which regret was expressed that White had not seen fit to comment on the Bureau's successes in Civil Rights Investigations.



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CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Albany Chapter is opposing the activities of Communists within its ranks. b7C b7D [redacted]

Schenectady Chapter is actively fighting Communist infiltration among its membership. The leader of the "Communist clique" expelled in late 1951 and the membership of the majority of the Communist sympathizers terminated. Syracuse Chapter has publicly denounced the Communist Party as a subversive group and has rejected its assistance on negro issues. b7D [redacted]

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ALBANY, NEW YORK AREA

[redacted], National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on March 10, 1952, stated that the Albany Chapter was in a state of considerable upset at the present time because of the activities of what he described as a "Communist clique".

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[redacted] He said that, with the exception of the above three individuals, no one who has been identified with the "Communist clique" is active in the Albany Chapter.

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SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK AREA

S. EDWARD [redacted] New York, President of the Schenectady Chapter of the NAACP, [redacted] LUTHER SMITH, First Vice-president; RALPH BOYD, Second Vice-president; CYRIL THOMAS, Treasurer; DAWN FORCE, Secretary; and ERNEST BOUCY, Chairman of the Executive Committee, comprised the 1952 officers of the Schenectady Chapter. [redacted] had no question concerning the anti-Communist sentiments of the above officers and that the "Communist clique" in Schenectady holds no positions in the Schenectady Chapter and exercises no influence in the group. [redacted] the Schenectady Chapter has 201 members, approximately 50 of whom are active. [redacted] LAURA MONDSCHEIN had been expelled from the Schenectady Chapter in October and November of 1951 as the spearhead of the "Communist clique". [redacted] MONDSCHEIN had been publicly

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expelled because of her affiliation with Communist fronts, and [redacted] for his anti-leadership activities.

After this successful action, the 1952 dues for six individuals, each [redacted] described as part of the Communist faction, were promptly returned to them and their membership terminated. None of these individuals protested this action nor took any steps to reinstate their membership. (b)(7)(c) (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] a file of the "Daily Worker" (east coast Communist newspaper) is maintained by the Schenectady Chapter so that the Chapter can be fully informed of the Communist Party and associated groups and can successfully combat any attempt to use the NAACP for their own devious purposes. [redacted]at this time that the Schenectady Chapter had already gone on record by its decisions and its actions as being unalterably opposed to the tenets of Communism.

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[redacted], on July 26, 1951, corroborated the statements set forth above and stated that it was publicly known in the city of Schenectady that the Schenectady Chapter had expelled LAURA MONDSCHEIN for her Communist affiliations, and that the Schenectady Chapter was vigorously opposing Communist infiltration.

The July 28, 1951 issue of the "Schenectady Gazette" contained an article captioned, "CIO At G.E. Here Backed By NAACP". The article stated that the NAACP was backing the anti-Communist union at G.E. in its forthcoming jurisdictional struggle with Local 301 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. (The UERMWA was expelled by the Congress of Industrial Organizations for alleged Communist infiltration.) The Schenectady Chapter condemned the UERMWA and stated that it is to the interest of the negro worker to see that the anti-Communist union becomes the powerful union in Schenectady.

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK AREA

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[redacted], on April 26, 1951, furnished a leaflet issued by the Syracuse University Chapter of the NAACP. The leaflet appealed for justice for one WILLIE MC GEE and contained a statement, "The NAACP wishes to make

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clear that this appeal has nothing to do with similarly worded statements by the Communist Party and its many front groups such as the Civil Rights Congress. The hypocritical 'concern for the negro' of these subversive groups is recognized by the NAACP for what it is."

ITHACA, NEW YORK AREA

[redacted] another Government agency conducting security and personnel investigations, on January 25, 1952, reported that the Cornell University Chapter of the NAACP consists of about 150 members - 35 of whom are active. A "left wing faction" of six or eight students exists in this active group and, by virtue of the considerable time devoted to NAACP activities, exert a degree of influence out of proportion to their number. This group includes [redacted]. This group maintains that any incident involving racial discrimination should be propagandized extensively and met with direct action.

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THE ALBANY DIVISION:

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Will follow activities of the NAACP through established sources.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/13/50, Albany, New York. (b)(7)(C)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Philadelphia Branch, NAACP, reorganized, with Dr. HARRY J. GREENE re-elected President and H. VASETI NORWOOD appointed Executive Secretary. [redacted] (1)(7)(C)

[redacted]. Membership drive scheduled for 4-20 to 5-27-52, with goal of 7,500 total members and $10,000. No known CP members among officers of Philadelphia Branch. [redacted] (b)(6)(C)

At NAACP National Convention, Atlanta, Ga., 6-51, resolution adopted providing that local Branches can reject or expel individuals whom they have reasonable grounds to believe are members of CP or sympathetic to CP. Chief activity of Branch has been protest campaign against bomb killings of HARRY T. MOORE, Florida NAACP coordinator, and Mrs. MOORE, on 12-25-51.

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Communist Party, USA, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware; the Independent Socialist League (formerly known as the Workers Party); and the Socialist Workers Party will be referred to hereinafter in this report as the NAACP; the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware; the ISL; and the SWP.

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

1. Membership Figures

The Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP has approximately 4,000 members listed on its books. However, the number of dues paying members is less than 2,000, and only 80 to 100 attend regular meetings.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer, Final City Edition, dated June 28, 1951, quoted Dr. [redacted] GREENE, President of the Philadelphia Branch, NAACP, as [redacted] ing the [redacted] 1951 membership drive enrolled 5,131 members.

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2. 1952 Recruiting Drive

The Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP will conduct a recruiting drive for members from April 20 to May 29, 1952. The announced goal of this drive is 7,500 members and $10,000, [redacted] (b)(7)(D)

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3. Funds

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The Philadelphia Tribune of December 15, 1951, reflects that the NAACP had a cash balance of $4,091.81 as of December, 1951, which was contrasted to the cash balance of $74.93, which the organization had at the end of 1950.

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4. Branch Meetings

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3. OTHER BRANCHES, PHILADELPHIA AREA

On February 7, 1951, information was received that the Chester, Pa., Branch of the NAACP had become active during December of 1950 and January of 1951, but in spite of this activity, the Branch was not fully accepted by the Negro people of Chester, inasmuch as the leadership in the Branch was considered to be very weak.

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On April 10, 1951, this informant made available a six page booklet captioned "Easton Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People." The booklet reflected that the Easton Branch had a total membership of 345 individuals.

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The Pottstown Mercury, Pottstown, Pa., in its issue of September 7, 1951, carried an article stating that the Pottstown-Stowe Chapter of the NAACP was being reorganized. According to the newspaper account, 35 members had been signed up and after the membership totaled 50, the group had applied for a National Charter. The article also stated that the NAACP Chapter had functioned in Pottstown-Stowe for several years but had become dormant in 1944.

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II. OFFICIALS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH, NAACP

A. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

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The Philadelphia Tribune issue of December 15, 1951, listed the names of the officers and members of the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP for the year 1952 who had been elected at the meeting held on December 11, 1952.

In addition to the members of the Executive Board furnished by [redacted] the following members were listed in the newspaper article:

Reverend JESSE F. ANDERSON
ROBERT H. BONNER
MATTHEW W. BULLOCK, JR.
FRANCIS J. CARNER
WALTER A. GAY, JR.
SHERMAN A. HARMON
HOBART C. JACKSON
PRESTON H. KING
Reverend NOAH W. MOORE

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Dr. CARLETON C. RICHARDS
E. WASHINGTON RHODES
MACEO A. SLOAN
JOHN ELSH

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As of March, 1952, the above named officers who were elected for the year were serving the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP.

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Dr. HENRY J. GREENE

[redacted]

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The American Federation for Constitutional Liberties has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

BETTE SMITH-MARSHALL

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The ISL has been cited by the Attorney General as coming under the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Reverend JESSE F. ANDERSON

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The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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JOE DAVIDSON (b)(7)(C)

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Reverend THOMAS E. LITTLE

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The SWP was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

GEORGE B. MORRIS

On March 23, 1946, GEORGE B. MORRIS spoke at an SWP meeting. In this speech MORRIS stated that he was "not a Socialist, but a Negro with a problem; that if the SWP maintains its high standard in fighting for equal rights, maybe it would gain another convert."

("The Militant," 4-6-46)

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ROSA PITTS

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EUGENE WASHINGTON RHODES

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The American Youth for Democracy has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Dr. CARLETON C. RICHARDS

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The Philadelphia Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill was an organization formed for the purpose of opposing the passage of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill (S-2311) and its accompanying bill introduced in the House of Representatives (H-7595). This organization was controlled by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

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ALVIN C. WHITE

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The Philadelphia Tribune in its issue of January 13, 1951, contained an article setting forth that the job of rehabilitating the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP had been assigned to DANIEL E. BYRD, who had been sent to Philadelphia by the National Office of the NAACP to act as an administrator on a temporary basis. The article described BYRD as National Field Director of the NAACP.

On May 7, 1951, this informant advised that DANIEL BYRD planned to leave the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP in the near future inasmuch as a permanent National Executive Secretary had been selected for the Branch.

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III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH, NAACP

The Philadelphia edition of the Pittsburgh Courier dated February 24, 1951, contains a column captioned "I Love a Parade", by JACK SAUNDERS. SAUNDERS' column contains the following quote attributed to Dr. HARRY J. GREENE, President of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP:

> "The Branch shall concentrate on the elimination of segregation in our community life in the period ahead."

The Philadelphia Tribune dated September 25, 1951, contains an article captioned "9 Point Plan Advanced to Put NAACP in Front". According to the newspaper article, H. VASHTI NORWOOD, Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP, has presented the Executive Committee and the general membership of that organization with a nine point program for future action, which program was unanimously approved and endorsed by both bodies. The program presented by Miss NORWOOD involves the following action:

"1. Encourage Negroes to enter the ranks of organized labor. Call upon labor, meanwhile, to clean its own house of discriminating practices.

"2. Keep the heat on Federal and State FEPC laws.

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"3. Support Negroes operating businesses and encourage more Negroes to enter this field.

"4. Declare and prepare to win an all-out fight for more, better and completely unrestricted housing for all minority groups in Philadelphia.

"5. Inform membership and the community of those who take political action against our welfare by exposing their records. Point out those who would destroy our organization by applying strictly the anti-Communist resolutions of the 41st and 42nd Annual Conferences of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"6. Push our campaign against police brutality to victory.

"7. Set into operation the Area Development Plan. This plan has already been approved by the Executive Committee and is designated to further enlarge the Branch membership in its area of operations and to take the Branch program directly to the people of the community.

"8. Encourage and assist the Philadelphia Youth Council in the program it already has begun to educate our young people on the evils of the narcotic habit.

"9. Break the insidious practice in Philadelphia of a double standard in education."

IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH OF THE NAACP

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Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP to the NAACP Civil Rights Mobilization at Washington, D. C., on February 17 and 18, 1952, [redacted] (b)(7)(D)

On February 18, 1952, the NAACP delegates met in the House of Representatives Caucus Room to divide the delegations by states so that groups could be designated to contact United States Senators from the various states.

The Pennsylvania delegation was assigned to contact Senators DUFF and MARTIN, [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D)

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The Philadelphia Branch, NAACP, addressed a letter dated January 9, 19[redacted] over the signature of H. VaSHTI NORWOOD, Executive Secretary, accompanied by a resolution prepared by the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP which demanded that President TRUMAN and Attorney General McGRATH immediately set into action forces of the Federal Government to bring to justice the perpetrators of the bomb slayings of Mr. and Mrs. HARRY T. MOORE and the bombings in or near places of worship or residences of Negro, Jewish and Catholic Americans.

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The Progressive Party of Philadelphia issued a release dated January 7, 1952, stating that ALICE C. LIVERIGHT and THOMAS FITZPATRICK, Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Chairmen respectively of the Progressive Party, had sent a joint telegram to President TRUMAN demanding the appointment of a special Presidential commission to investigate the bombing murder of HARRY T. MOORE, Florida NAACP official. The press release stated that the murder of Mr. and Mrs. MOORE is the climax of a mounting pattern of violence against Negroes and Jews in the State of Florida, and that none of the recent crimes would have taken place if there was any pattern of law enforcement against such racial violence in the state. The release continues that Florida state officials will simply go through the motions of investigation and that Attorney General McGRATH and FBI Director HOOVER are not competent to find and punish these murders.

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The Pennsylvania edition of the "Worker" dated December 30, 1951, page six, columns one and two, contains an article captioned "Anger Mounts Bomb Murder of NAACP Aide." The article states that outraged Americans denounced the United States Government for its failure to act in the Florida racist bombings, the latest of which was the Christmas day murder of HARRY T. MOORE, Negro leader and Florida State Coordinator of the NAACP.

The Pennsylvania editions of the "Worker" dated January 6, 1952, January 13, 1952, January 20, 1952, and January 7, 1952, carried similar articles to that described above.

The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper.

It should be noted that the MOORE case is primarily an NAACP matter and that the CP has tried to use it to incite racial prejudices.

C. CONNECTION WITH ISL

As has been pointed out in this report, the ISL has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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D. CONNECTION WITH S.P

As has been previously pointed out in this report, the STP has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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A NAACP rally was scheduled to be held in Tindley Temple on the afternoon of April 15, 1951.

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During a conversation, [redacted] was overheard to say that joint action between the CRC and the NAACP was impossible.

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[redacted] told [redacted] the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP had previously claimed it was unable to secure new members because of the Communists who belonged to the local Branch of the NAACP. [redacted] the local Branch no longer had this excuse to explain its inability to obtain new members. (b)(7)(C)

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[redacted] the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP was planning services in memory of HARRY T. MOORE, Florida NAACP Coordinator who had been killed by a bomb on December 25, 1951. (b)(7)(C)

[redacted] memorial services were being held in various Philadelphia churches but that the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP was not sponsoring them.

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Since VASHTI NORWOOD assumed the office of Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP in the spring of 1951, she and Dr. HARRY J. GREENE, President of the local branch, NAACP, have controlled most of the Philadelphia Branch's activities. The informant stated that both GREENE and NORWOOD are anti-Communist and try to defeat any Communist attempts to infiltrate the Branch.

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The Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP is considering the expulsion of [redacted] and [redacted] as suspected CP members or CP sympathizers. (b)(7)(C)

During the National Convention at Atlanta, Ga., June 26 to July 1, 1951, a resolution was adopted empowering local chapters to reject for membership or expel from membership anyone suspected of being a CP member or CP sympathizer. The resolution provides that the local chapter must afford a hearing to an individual rejected or expelled at the individual's request, and that the individual could then appeal the decision of the local hearing to the National Headquarters of the NAACP. The informant stated that this power has not been exercised by the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP to date and, as far as he knows, has not been used by any other Branch throughout the country.

The informant continued that GLOSTER CURRENT, National Director of the NAACP Branches throughout the country who is assigned to the National Headquarters, was in Philadelphia [redacted] (b)(2)(C)

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At the present time both [redacted] and [redacted] hold membership in the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP, [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D) [redacted] (b)(2), (b)(7)(D)

P. EASTON BRANCH, NAACP

The Easton Branch of the NAACP was conducting a membership drive during the spring of 1951. During this drive, criticism was made that [redacted] (b)(7)(C) [redacted] (b)(2), (b)(7)(D)

HERBERT HILL, Assistant National Field Secretary of the NAACP assigned to National Headquarters, New York, N. Y., attended a meeting of the Easton Branch of the NAACP on June 4, 1951. [redacted] (b)(7)(D) [redacted] (b)(2), (b)(7)(D) [redacted] (b)(7)(C) [redacted] (b)(2) (b)(7)(D) [redacted]

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION,

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will follow and report the activities of the NAACP within the Philadelphia Division.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2-6-51, at Philadelphia, Pa. (b)(7)(C)

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